

steadfast commitment to education and a vision such as the one Tim King shared with others in his community back in 2002. As a member of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, we played a minor role in assisting Urban Prep with our fundraising efforts to contribute to the purchase of a uniform for these young men. We also make ourselves available to go there and work with them during career day to point out our successes and opportunities to challenge them to do no less than what we were able to do. So the men of Sigma Pi Phi worked with these young men at Urban Prep and we made sure that we made a similar contribution to the overall efforts.

Let us renew our investment in America's education system. Let us affirm our priorities for young people today and make sure every one of them has a chance to get the education they deserve. Together, we can build more success stories such as Urban Prep, and that is what we must do. Urban Prep is a public school so, therefore, we do not have to be dedicating all of the resources commitment to the private schools. We can educate our young people in the public system.

I thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1586 at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 16; further, that during any recess, adjournment or period of morning business, postcloture time continue to run; and that after the convening of the Senate at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, the Senate resume consideration of the House message with respect to H.R. 2847, and all postcloture time be considered expired, the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn, and no further amendments or motions be in order, except as provided in the DeMint motion to suspend; that it be in order for Senator DEMINT to offer a motion to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment, and that if the motion is offered, Senator DEMINT be recognized for up to 10 minutes; that upon disposition of the DeMint motion, the Senate then vote on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN HATCHER

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise to speak about a dear and trusted friend, not just for me and my family but for the people of Lorain County, OH. John Hatcher was a man of conscience and courage. His commitment to the highest ideals is unwavering, even in the face of criticism and attempts to silence him.

In large and small ways, John Hatcher has done more for the working men and women of Lorain County and organized labor than anyone else I know. John is a retired United Auto Workers member from the Ford Motor Company Ohio assembly plant in Avon Lake.

For generations, the plant helped build Lorain's middle class—the same way that American manufacturing built America's middle class. He has long held a position of leadership in the labor movement, and his loyalty to his fellow workers and to those who champion them has never wavered. He is still president of the Lorain County UAW CAP Council and a board member of the Lorain County Labor Agency.

He has chaired the Lorain County Labor Day Festival Committee for several years—an event that attracts thousands of Lorain County families to celebrate the accomplishments and heritage of organized labor. And every month, John finds time to deliver food to the elderly through the Lorain County Office on Aging.

For the many years I have known John—two-and-a-half decades, perhaps—he has been a fighter who is not afraid to stand up for what he believes. And as he battles cancer, John is displaying the same vigor, the same fighting spirit. Yesterday, hundreds of friends, families, and elected officials joined in honoring John with the Lorain County AFL-CIO Lifetime Achievement Award.

John said—and I was standing with him—“I haven't been out in the community much the past few months, but as the warm weather comes, I will be back out soon.”

In many ways, John's presence is always felt in Lorain—through the workers he has helped and for the causes which he has championed. He is a tireless champion for working men and women. He has made an invaluable contribution to the labor movement.

You never wonder where you stand with John Hatcher. He is the best kind of friend. He stands sturdy at your side in the highest winds, but is also willing to rein you in if you are getting too full of yourself. He is one of the kindest people I know, always greeting his friends with a twinkle in his eye and the hug of a man twice his size.

Of all his accomplishments, the hours of labor spent at the factory, in the union hall, or on the picket line fighting for others, if you asked John, his proudest achievement is being a devoted husband to Carol—one of my favorite people—and a loving father to 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Thank you, John, for your service to the working men and women of Lorain County, for your service to the State of Ohio, and for your service to our Nation. Connie and I are honored to consider you our dear friend.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN ROBERSON

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Marilyn Roberson of Massillon, OH, a proud grandmother of five Eagle Scouts. This year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its hundredth anniversary of service to our Nation. Already this year, I have attended Boy Scout celebrations and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor across my State.

Around Ohio and our Nation, families and friends, community and business leaders, are celebrating Scouting's commitment to service, to protecting the outdoors—some of the original environmentalists—and to instilling the values of faith and fellowship.

Growing up in Mansfield, OH, a city of 50,000 in north central Ohio—an industrial town—my parents instilled in my brother and me our own values of compassion and commitment to community. My two brothers and I are Eagle Scouts and my mother wore a charm bracelet representing each of her Eagle Scout sons. I always claimed my Eagle Scout emblem was larger than my brothers'. She always denied that.

In many ways, Scouting's commitment to family and community laid the groundwork for my years in public service—as it has for the Eagle Scouts now in elected office in this body—I think there are 6 others in the Senate—or executives in boardrooms, teachers in classrooms, or just model citizens everywhere in our country.

On March 20, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America, Venture Crew 10 of Massillon, OH, will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for five young men who will become Eagle Scouts. Among the Eagle Scouts will be Andrew and Timothy Bushman, who will become the fourth and fifth grandsons of Mrs. Marilyn Roberson to become Eagle Scouts.

Marilyn Roberson is now 86 years old, and like many of our role models she has taught her grandchildren the capacity for selflessness, and to have the confidence to serve with humility and honor. I knew Marilyn's late husband Al 25 years ago, when I first met Al and Marilyn and several of their children. Al grew up in Tupelo, MS, across the street from Elvis Presley, then moved north, started a business, was very successful, and always—always—Marilyn and Al and their children gave back to the community.

I congratulate Andrew, Timothy, their fellow Eagle Scouts, Ian Christopher McKinney, Mathew Michael McKinney, and Michael David Ternaux, for earning this important honor. I congratulate Eagle Scouts across Ohio—there are hundreds of New Eagle Scouts every year—for earning this